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Soviet Troops Threaten U.S. Military Police With Tommy Guns

THREE TENSE INCIDENTS IN BERLIN

Berlin, Sept. 16.—Armed Russian troops invaded the American sector of Berlin at three points today and threatened United States military policemen with tommyguns. In each instance, the Americans forced the bellicose Russians back to their own zone after tense minutes, during which a single false move might have precipitated a clash.

It was believed the Russians were trying to kidnap German policemen in the opening move of a drive to wipe out all opposition elements in Berlin and in the Russian Occupation Zone generally.

Fashion Show Murder

Lake Como, Italy, Sept. 16.—The police reported that the beautiful Italian Countess Pia Bellantoni shot and killed one of Italy's richest silk industrialists here last night during one of the season's swankiest fashion shows.

The victim, Caro Sacchi, 42, was shot as he applauded 51 parading models on the Bild fashion house.

The police said that the countess, who is a member of the oldest aristocracy in Reggio Emilia, refused to give any reason for the shooting. She and her husband were under arrest.

The fashion show had just begun in the famed Villa Deste grand hotel on Lake Como when the countess left her table, returned with a gun and shot Sacchi through the chest.

Witnesses said that the sound of the shot was barely audible over the noise of the applause and orchestra. Sacchi died before reaching hospital.—United Press.

Princess Margaret Launches Ship

Glasgow, Sept. 16.—Princess Margaret, named and launched the 12,200-ton tanker British Mariner at the Harland and Wolff Shipyards here on Thursday.

On her last visit to the Clyde for the launching of the liner Queen Elizabeth by the Queen in 1938, the Princess had to be lifted up to see the giant ship slide down the ways.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Future Of Italian Colonies

THE problem of the disposal of the former Italian colonies, which the Council of Foreign Ministers has now thrown back into the lap of the United Nations Security Council, is of the utmost complexity. Any solution must take into consideration the welfare and welfare of the inhabitants on the one hand and the views of interested governments on the other. The United Kingdom proposals were designed as far as possible to reconcile these conflicting interests. One inescapable fact has to influence any decision reached about the future of the pre-war Italian colonies: that is, none of the territories is politically or economically fit for independence. Accordingly the proposal that Italian Somaliland should be placed under United Nations trusteeship with Italy as the administering authority has gained some support, but Britain feels at the same time that this must be conditional upon a satisfactory solution for Eritrea, since it is necessary to take into consideration Ethiopia's desire not to see Italy re-established on both her northern and southern frontiers. In Eritrea, it has to be noted, not more than ten percent of the population favour Italian trusteeship, while the largest body of opinion (although not an overall majority) desire union with Ethiopia. Again, one-third of the population of Eritrea are Moslems whose interests must be safeguarded. In these circumstances the proposal that Ethiopia should be appointed the administering authority under United Nations

German sources said the Russians were importing the entire 20,000-men Moscow-trained police corps formed from troops under General Walter von Seydlitz, captured at Stalingrad.

They said these Germans had been ordered to stamp out all opposition elements.

Russian-licensed German newspapers reported that in the latest anti-Soviet demonstration in Berlin schoolchildren stoned German policemen in the Russian sector on Tuesday.

SOLDIERS HELD UP

The most serious of the instances in which Russian troops invaded the American sector came when American Privates David Ruffner and Richard Alverson saw a truck and two jeeps filled with armed Russian troops standing in front of the German police station in Schelesseckstrasse just inside the American Zone.

Ruffner said, "One of the Russians jabbed a machinegun in my guts. I got mad, shoved it away and turned my own tommygun against him. Another Russian levelled his tommygun at me."

At this point a Russian officer came from the basement of a nearby building and ordered the Soviet troops to lower their guns.

American reinforcements arrived and the Russians retreated.

In another incident, a Russian sentry chased an aged German from the Soviet sector into the American sector. Near Anhalter railway station, a Soviet jeep containing four Russian soldiers came into the American sector, chasing a German police radio patrol car. The Germans escaped and the Russians went back to their own car.—United Press.

WEEKEND MEETING

London, Sept. 16.—An authoritative British source said on Thursday the Western envoys expect to see Russia's Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov on the East-West Berlin dispute over the weekend.

T.V.' WELCOMES ECA AID

Canton, Sept. 17.—Governor T. S. Soong said on Thursday in an interview that he welcomed the ECA allocation of US\$5 million for use in rehabilitation of the Canton-Hankow railway, even though it was somewhat less than originally expected.

The provincial governor denied reports that work on the Whampoa harbour development project had been suspended as asserted in some Hongkong Chinese newspapers. He said that the work was proceeding satisfactorily and that no outside help would be needed to finance it. He said, however, that no date of completion could be given at the moment.

With regard to the move by the Legislative Yuan to make Hainan Island a separate province, Dr Soong said he had no official information, but indicated that in any case Hainan will remain under his jurisdiction militarily.—Associated Press.

Arabs To Set Up Palestine Govt.

Beirut, Sept. 16.—The Arab Government for Palestine will be set up within the next 24 hours, according to the Arab Higher Committee today.

Jamal al Husseini of the committee said that the seat of the new Government would probably be Nablus or Gaza.

Meanwhile, Count Folke Bernadotte arrived to discuss the Arab refugees' problem with Lebanese officials.

The Government announced it will

initiate diplomatic relations with India and Pakistan.—United Press.

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BRITAIN REDUCES HER TRADING DEFICIT 55%

House Of Commons Cheers Sir Stafford Cripps' Statement

THE BEGINNING OF AN UPWARD TREND

London, Sept. 16.—Britain's trading deficit with the rest of the world has been reduced by 55 percent—an annual rate of £280,000,000 as compared with £630,000,000 last year.

Tougher Going For Indian Troops

HYDERABAD FORCES STARTING SCORCHED EARTH TACTICS

New Delhi, Sept. 16.—Frontline reports said today that the Indian troops striking for the capital of Hyderabad found mined roads and tough dardhar opposition from the Moslem fanatic warriors, but have driven 30 miles in 24 hours, to only slightly more than 60 miles from their objective.

Dispatches bore out the belief that the Hyderabad forces would make it costly to take Hyderabad, the seat of the fabulously Nizam, who rules the Princely state.

Official reports said the First Indian Armoured Division, smashing 30 miles, captured the strategic road and rail junction of Zahirabad. This town is 80 miles inside the Hyderabad frontier along the road measuring 184 miles from the border to the capital. The Indians covered that distance in three and a half days since they crossed the border.

(A London Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Bombay said that regular Hyderabad State troops and the Razakars were reported to be following a scorched earth policy in retreat before the Indian forces. Widespread mining of roads, bridges and sabotage by Hyderabad forces was also reported.)

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

Lahore, Sept. 16.—Indian Army forces in the eastern and western sectors failed to make any progress. Hyderabad defence communiqué broadcast by Hyderabad Radio tonight claimed.

The communiqué confirmed the recapture by State forces of Hingholl, in the northwestern sector, which had been taken by Indian forces yesterday.

An official announcement by the Hyderabad Government, also broadcast by Hyderabad Radio, said Indian troops were not treating captured Razakars in accordance with the International Convention.

The Razakars were fighting as regular soldiers of the Nizam's defence forces and if captured should receive the same treatment as prisoners of war, the announcement added.—Reuter.

More Slayings In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 17.—Communist insurgents killed three Malay policemen and seriously wounded seven others at Sintok village, near the Siamese border. The Government said on Thursday, three other policemen are missing.—Associated Press.

BLOWING UP BRIDGES

The Bombay Free Journal said that the Hyderabad forces were blasting down bridges and scouring the earth ahead of the Indians. In Auringabad in the north the retiring Hyderabad forces from this second city of the Princely state scorched the airfield which the Indian engineers were repairing for quick use by the Indian Air Force.

Hyderabad Radio last night broadcast an impassioned appeal to all Arab countries to come to its aid in its "righteous fight for freedom."

It appealed especially to the Moslem of Pakistan.

Poona dispatches dated Thursday but delayed in transmission said the Indian Army force on the road from Sholapur, heading toward Hyderabad, was a mixed armoured force which included paratroopers.

The dispatches reported that the Indian Air Force, bombing ahead of the advancing columns on Tuesday, hit Bidar airfield and Hyderabad columns were reported moving up along the roads.

POLICE ACTION

The Poona spokesman insisted that the Hyderabadi operations were "purely police action." He said the dispersal of the Indian forces over so many areas was completely against good military tactics but is a

Minister of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps announced this to a cheering House of Commons today. His statement coincided with the publication of revised estimates of Britain's balance of payments up to the middle of 1948.

The estimates for the first six months of 1948 showed an overall deficit of £140,000,000. They revealed a surplus of £16,000,000 on invisible trade—covering shipping, tourism, and similar items—in the first half of this year, as against a deficit of £192,000,000 last year.

Sir Stafford Cripps said that he believed this marked "the beginning of an upward trend which will be maintained so that in time our invisible income will once again make a significant contribution to making up the balance of our overseas trading account."

The estimates showed a net drain of £253,000,000 on Britain's gold and dollar resources during the first half of this year. Last year the total drain was £1,024,000,000.

Acknowledging the contribution made by the rest of the sterling area in helping to relieve the drain on gold and dollar resources, Sir Stafford Cripps said their achievements since the end of 1947 had been immense.

GOODS AND SERVICES

Sir Stafford Cripps said that Britain is now supplying more in goods and services to the European countries, particularly in shipping and in oil than she is receiving in the aggregate. The excess in the first half of the year was at the rate of £80,000,000. This had been a contribution to European recovery.

He said legislation would be introduced into Parliament next session to approve the scheme under which Britain will be giving \$20,000,000 in grants to various European countries. This, with reduction of \$207,000,000 in sterling balances would be a contribution by Britain in goods to Europe.

He added: "We must carry this through if we are going to see economic co-operation succeed in Europe. It is an absolutely fundamental basis for the possibility, and it is also upon that economic co-operation that the idea of Western Union can be successfully carried through."

Sir Stafford Cripps said if it proved possible to inaugurate the scheme on October 1, he proposed to arrange for any initial advances which might be required in anticipation of Parliament's approval.

Sir Stafford Cripps said the whole purpose of the scheme was to enable European trade to be carried on without any recourse to gold or dollar payment by way of margin.—Reuter.

Reds And de Gaullists In A Pitched Battle

Paris, Sept. 16.—Communists and de Gaullists fought a pitched battle for 10 minutes today within a few feet of General Charles de Gaulle in the city of Grenoble.

The general watched the fight unruled and left unharmed.

The battle started when a Communist counter-demonstration tried to break up the scheduled appearance of General de Gaulle in the Place de l'Hotel de Ville, in front of Grenoble's City Hall.

The general's bodyguards interfered. Flags and clubs flew. The battle became general between de Gaulle and Communist sympathizers. At times there were wild slugging within a few feet of the general himself.

Several persons from both sides were slightly injured before the police broke up the fighting.

FIRST INTERFERENCE

It was the first time the Communists had made a direct attempt to interfere with a rally at which General de Gaulle himself appeared, although they had previously made many veiled threats in that direction.

The incident occurred when all France was afraid the series of strikes over the past two months could lead only to an open fight between de Gaulle and Communists.

The Grenoble battle exploded as the new Government of M. Henri Queuille rammed through a new series of economic measures which fed discontent of the labour and contributed to the constantly growing outburst of strikes throughout the nation.

It is estimated that half a million workers already were on strike and more walkouts of varying duration are expected.

Tonight, the Right Wing predominantly Catholic Popular Republican party announced that it would support the Government's programme only if the Government did something to cut the sky-high price of food.—United Press.

Longshoremen's Offer

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—The striking CIO longshoremen today offered a new proposal for loading Army ships which they said would permit immediate sailing of supply vessels for Pacific bases.

The dock workers, "respectfully suggested" to the Army Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Royall, that the independent stevedoring company of Griffiths and Sprague contract with the Government to handle Army cargoes during the post-war Pacific Coast maritime strike.

The union said it would work for Griffiths and Sprague on pre-strike pay, "and we can assure you work will commence immediately, and continue without interruption during the entire strike period."

The longshoremen earlier had announced the signing of a contract with Griffiths and Sprague, providing a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase and continuation of the much-disputed union hiring hall.

The new wage proposal appeared to open a solution to the Army's cargo problems in Seattle and San Francisco, where the stevedoring company operates.—United Press.

Car Crashes Bridge

Brisbane, Sept. 16.—Eight people were killed today when a motor vehicle, carrying 30 employees of the Royal Australian Air Force, crashed into a bridge, overturning and fell into Burdekin River, North Queensland.—Reuter.

300,000 Metal Workers Go

On Strike In Paris

Paris, Sept. 16.—Some 300,000 Paris region metal workers today joined the spreading French strike epidemic against high prices, as the Government prepared for a debate tomorrow on a plan to stabilise the franc and replenish the State's emptying coffers.

The metal workers downed tools in a token strike until tomorrow morning. They are members of the Associated Metallurgical Unions of the Seine.

The Secretary of the Metal Workers, M. Albert Carn, denied as "idle" Paris press reports that they would march on President Auriol's palace and present a petition.

No Air France planes today left the airports of Le Bourget or Orly, where Air France employees are on strike. Foreign airline services were normal.

At the Renault factory on the outskirts of Paris, 80 percent of the workers were still on strike. One worker still on the job was injured when a striker threw a piece of sheet metal at him.—Reuter.

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WOMANSENSE

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Joan plans ahead

PATRICIA LENNARD tells how fashions can be teamed for teens

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Joan works in an office, has a moderate wage, and—like the wise junior miss she is—plans her clothes three to six months ahead before buying them.

She can be tall, short, fat, thin, dark or fair—she could be you.

And what is she planning to buy for her summer into autumn wardrobe?

On the left is a versatile top-coat, and centre, a jersey jacket and frock, started for the teenager because:

(1) She can carry the dashing line of the coat.

(2) She must keep to simple

styles, like those of the jacket—shallow scooped-out neckline and cap sleeves, buttoned to the waist and has a straight skirt. She dresses up the complete suit with a white satin cravat, a navy flocked wool shawl; the frock alone with a scarlet snakeskin belt, silver jewellery, or pearls.

(3) She can indulge in colour, in novel touches, in casual youthful styles.

Her topcoat is three-quarter length, of softlet corduroy, flaring beneath a wide belt of the same material. Sleeves can be cuffed to three-quarter length and for extra warmth without bulk, there is a detachable lining of curly white lamb, which also lines the detachable scarf-corduroy hood.

STEPPING OUT

Underneath, she wears a wool jersey jacket and frock in fine navy and white shepherd's plaid, right for cool weather together or apart.

Long sleeves can again be cuffed to bracelet-length. The frock has a

evening dress which is also extremely adaptable. For dancing, it is a strapless white, taffeta dress (blues, pinks, mauves and greens are overdone for teenagers; try white or pale yellow or pearl grey) whose extremely full skirt is caught up in front with a huge white rose.

For a formal dinner, a cap-sleeved,

silky fitting bolero of thick white lace is slipped on. It starts three or four inches above the waist and buttons up to a high round neckline.

This time the rose on the skirt is not worn, and it is allowed to billow out all round. And the scarlet corduroy coat goes over evening dress as well as the day clothes, only this time the coat is unbelted and the lining is not worn.

Why Do The
Chinese Eat
Moon Cake?

WHY do the Chinese eat moon cakes on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month? The Moon Festival or Mid-Autumn Festival, as today's celebration is called, is remembered for the eating of moon cakes, cooked taro, spiced duck and pumelo. The custom has some historical significance.

China in the 14th century was overrun by the Yungs, descendants of Kublai Khan. Liu Chi, better known as Lau Pak Wan, a magistrate, conspired with Chu Hung Mao to overthrow the despotic Yungs. Lau made special round cakes, into which were hidden a message plotting to take action on the 15th of the eighth moon. These were circulated among the Hans under the pretext that whoever ate them would be free from evil. This was the beginning of the revolt which led to the final collapse of the Yungs, and the beginning of the Ming Dynasty with Chu as first emperor.

But moon cakes have undergone changes. More fanciful names and varieties have been introduced. Mashed dates, lotus seeds, ham, coconut, olive seeds and sweetmeats form, with brown sugar, the filling of the moon-shaped cakes. Relatives and friends make gifts of these.

Prices in Hongkong range from \$2 to \$18 for a box of four. In other parts of China moon cakes have been declared "luxuries". In Canton, the authorities have prohibited the making of moon cakes exceeding four taels each in weight and the price is fixed at 80 gold yuan cents each.

Hip lines are curved but not padded. And there are no shoulder pads.

There was only one fitted coat at this show—all the rest followed the "ten" line.

Fashion Waits
For New Look
Man

BY PROPS, FASHION EXPERT

PARIS. FIVE HUNDRED almost hysterical women (and some men) fought their way into the season's first fashion show—Marcel Rochas's winter collection.

If they expected something startling and "different" they were disappointed. The New Look remained, only details were different.

Judging from the Rochas show, there will be little change for some time to come.

But there was always Christian Dior, the man who started the New Look.

His show was to be held later on and no-one would come to any conclusion about Paris fashions without seeing his offerings.

A Bit Longer

In nearly all the dresses, coats and suits shown by Rochas there were pointed collars, more plin tucks and fewer pleats, belts wide in front and narrow at the back.

Skirts were a bit longer, about eight to ten inches from the ground.

In all the suits and dresses it was the waist which was important. Rochas makes all his mannequins wear the tightest possible wasp-waist corsets, pulling in the waist to 20 inches and less.

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RED RYDER



Talking Sense



Regular Exercise Important



Jane Greer, of the movies, likes to keep in trim by regular morning and evening exercise routine. Center RKO Radio Pictures

By HELEN FOLLETT

TO the eye of the artist a beautiful figure has a greater appeal than a pretty face. It is a treat to anyone to see a girl with a shape of rounded slender; she stands out in the crowd, especially if she moves with grace and splendour. It is folly to give all of one's beautifying moments to the care of the hands, complexion and hair, and fail to keep the body young, of good proportions.

Outdoor sports help to keep the musculature strong. But all women haven't the time to get out and play. Yet even the busiest career girl can snatch half an hour a day for muscle flexing. She'll say she has no time in the morning before beating it out for the job and that she is tired at night. The fibi is not received. Exercise before going to bed will relax her, make sleep more restful.

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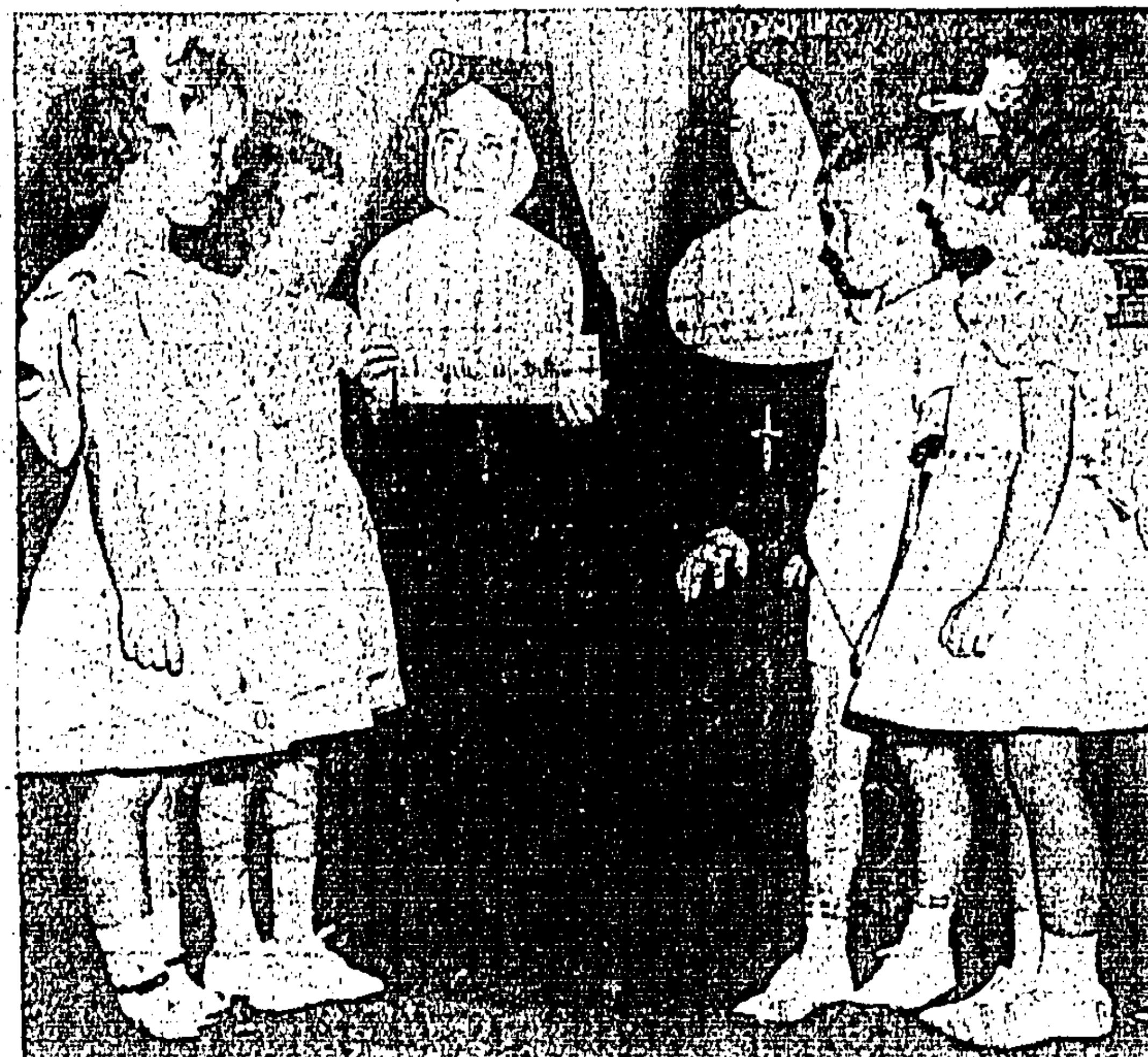
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



LIP SERVICE—Assisted by two nuns, these five-year-olds demonstrate the speech and lip-reading learned during a special course at Washington's Catholic University. The four children went to the course from St Mary's School for the Deaf in Buffalo.



PARTNERS—Screen star Rosalind Russell and her husband, Fred Brisson, seem to be having a wonderful time as they go waltzing at the Waldorf. The couple was seen in favourite night spots all over town during their recent vacation in New York.



RIDES ON BUS WITH BROKEN NECK—An Atlanta nurse attends Ervin Carlisle who lies in a hospital after riding a bus from a town in Alabama, 124 miles away, with his neck broken. Injured there in an auto accident, Carlisle feared he would die unless he received specialised treatment, so he left the hospital there and rode to Atlanta. His condition was critical.



AERIAL JOURNEY—Bound for Manila, this German shepherd puppy looks somewhat sceptical before taking off from San Francisco. He is a special postwar passenger, part of the booming air traffic in dogs bound for Pacific islands to replace breeding stock wiped out during the war.



CANADIAN REVIEW—U.S. Defence Secretary James Forrestal (in civilian suit) inspects an RCAF Guard of Honour while in Ottawa for a "courtesy" visit. Forrestal also met the Defence Committee of the Canadian Cabinet and its top advisers, reportedly for discussion of co-ordinating Canadian-U.S. strategy against invasion from the north.



HIT-RUN DRIVER—An unknown hit-and-run driver left this scene behind him after the car which he was driving struck two boys riding a bicycle on Chicago's west side. One boy was killed, the other seriously injured, as the car pinned the bicycle and its riders against a lamp post.



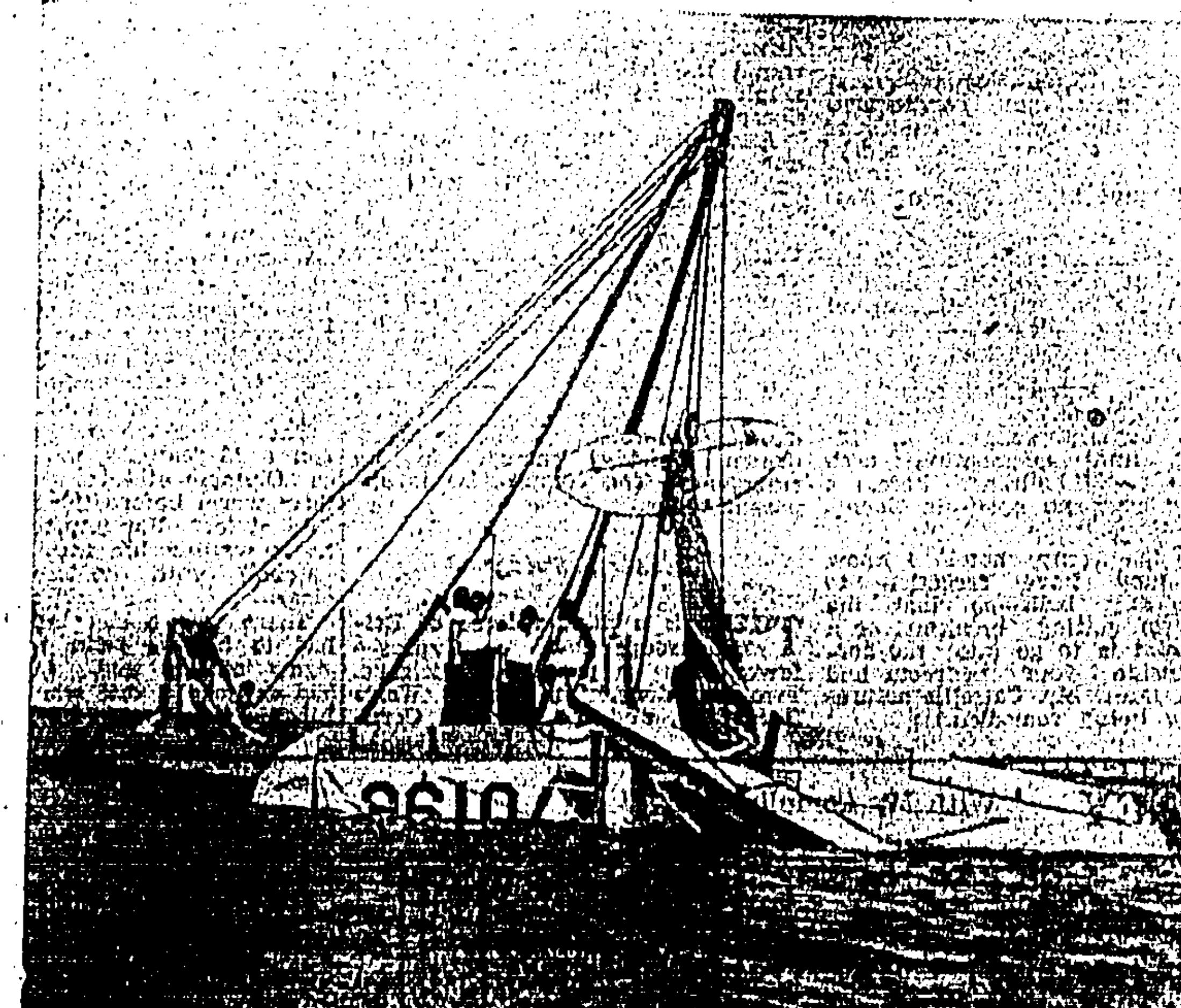
FROM A GOOD TEACHER—A group of children from France, Italy and Greece, sent to the U.S. as official emissaries for the United Nations Appeal for Children, gets a few tips on baseball from Mel Ott, New York Giants manager.

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OUT OF THE DEEP—A sea-going derrick lifts a light plane from the waters off Lido Beach, N.Y., after two youths crashed while practising take-offs and landings. Although the plane seems water-logged, the aspiring pilots escaped without injury.

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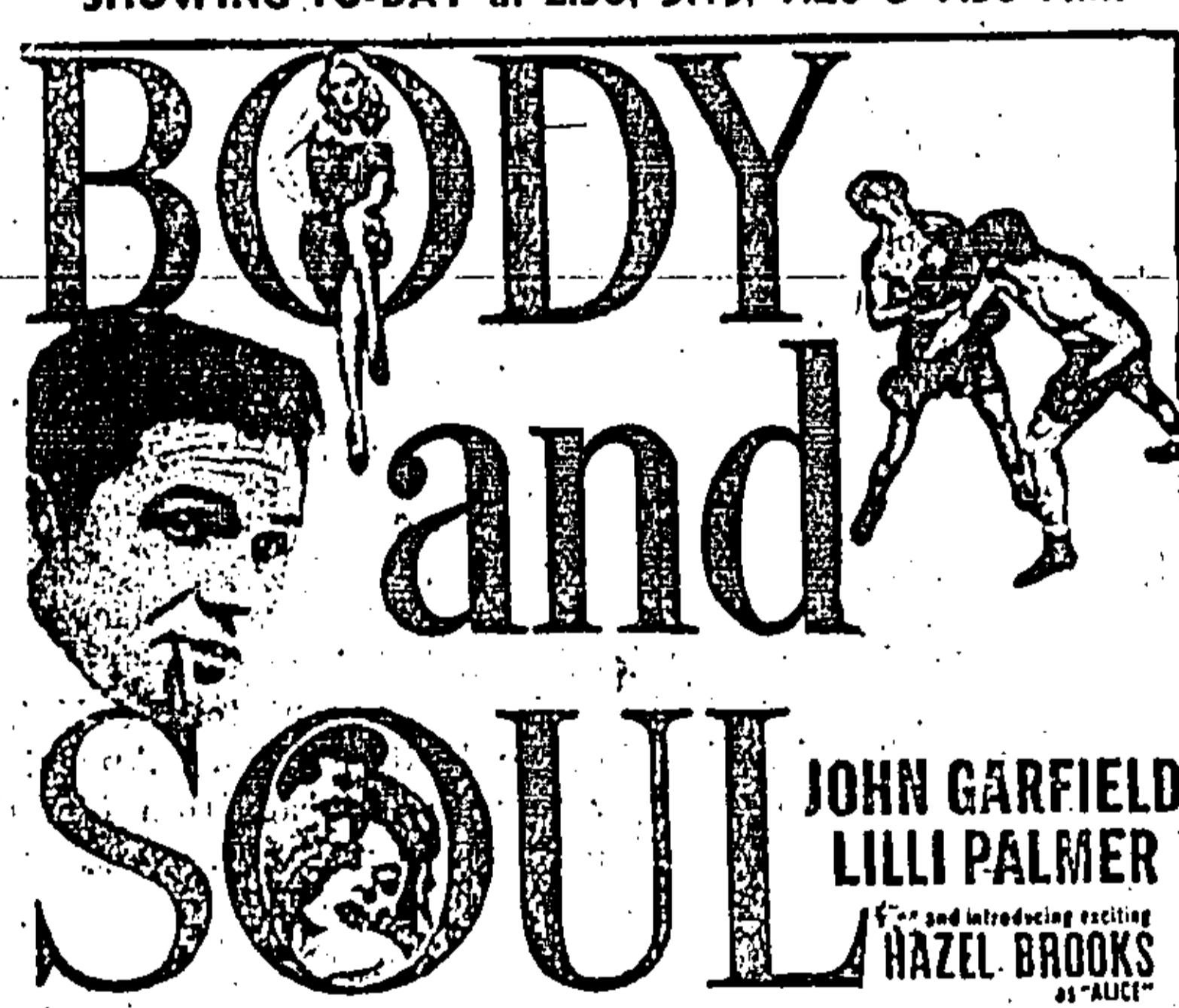
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It is the majority opinion of 140 Britons that it is better to have a job. For the past three months they have been doing what you have been dreaming. They're sick of it.

The place where the experiment in all play, no work, is currently on test is the Dome Hotel, Kyrenia, Cyprus—a fine, long, low 145-roomed hotel jutting out into the clear blue Mediterranean.

The experimentalists are men and their families from the big oil companies of Palestine, forced into idleness by the decision to withdraw from that country pending peace.

They have all the pleasures of your For both Britain and day-dreams. They America... a look-out have good food, any amount to drink, mountains to climb, crystal waters to swim in. Their hotel rooms have baths. There is an English country club. A library. A cinema. There is unlimited sunshine.

Men and women who used to live and work in Haifa now sit for hours along the sea front, eating their meals together, playing tennis in the same fours, drinking at night in the same company. They are burned brown than your boot.

Leisure

YOU will see one husky oil company officer returning dust-and-sweat-caked from a mountain hike. Then there is a skilled refinery process-engineer, lying flat on his stomach on the blue sea, a fish harpoon gun in his hand, breathing steadily through an underwater breathing apparatus, gazing hour after hour into the mysterious bed of the sea.

But...

"It was all right for the first month," say the majority. "It began to pall during the second. What will it be like after six months? It's demoralising enough already."

It is wonderful for the children, painable for the parents; but it is, oddly, best of all for the band of administrative men from Consolidated Refineries, Ltd., Haifa, who have set up office in the hotel and work six or so hours a day.

The Dome Hotel, where most of the oilmen are congregated and where the first principles of hedonism have been so rudely shattered, is probably the most peaceful hotel in the Middle East today.

It is at the moment one of the hottest but one of the cheapest hotels in the Eastern Mediterranean circuit, costing about 25s. per day with food, depending on your room.

It is a strangely shambling structure which Mr. Catsells, its Cypriot owner, delights in rebuilding and augmenting each year—a new ballroom here, a new bar here, an open-air cinema there.

It is the only hotel I know where they have forgotten to put in any bells—so that the system of getting breakfast or a clean towel is to go into the corridor outside your bedroom and yell. (A fault, Mr. Catsells assures me, now being remedied.)

The hotel's main atmosphere—noticeable especially if you have come from the bomb, bullet, censorship, movement, restrictions, and decaying law and order of the Middle East—is peace.

Peace and the British flag flapping on a flagpole above the little Kyrenia port customs shed hear by.

The future?

How long the Union Jack will flap, and whether the peacefulness of the Dome Hotel, of Kyrenia, Cyprus, will persist, depends on two factors—the world outside, and the Cypriots themselves. There are two fronts, external and internal. Where does the future lie?

The island of Cyprus (area 3,000 square miles, population 474,000, occupied by the British in 1878, annexed in 1914, Crown-colonised in 1925), lying rather like an austere pork chop 40 miles south of the Turkish mainland, is today shaping up as a key-point in the Anglo-American defence line in the Eastern Mediterranean.

It is not that yet. But there are symptoms of growth in that direction.

Cyprus is in preparation as a look-out and as a listening-post for Britain and America. I was in the island less than 24 hours before I heard a discussion between Americans. Bakru, one pilot pointed out, is 900 miles away. Moscow—1,400, slightly less than the distance from East Anglia. It is fair to say that the men discussing this were American.

The planes

I WAS in the island less than 36 hours before the first jet plane screamed like a fire over my head. It is fair to say that the men flying this Vampire was British. Spend another 24 hours in the island and you learn that the American "Mats," or Military Air Transport Service men are here—weather and fuel experts guiding planes from the States to Saudi Arabia, now that the Cairo or Lydda routes are shut down.

They are working on Nicosia airfield, in perfect conjunction with the R.A.F. unit that controls the airport.

Another 12 hours and there is the story of the erection of America's greatest monitor station abroad now being constructed with British permission and American dollars to serve the State Department with the latest and the best in propaganda translation.

A few hours on the airport to realise that Cyprus has, too, suddenly become the crossroads to the Middle East—planes flying one hour to the Arab States, the next to Israel.

Charter planes from Australia, Holland, South Africa, and smaller firms like Hornton Airways, London, fly in, stay awhile, refuel and check out.

You don't have to stay long to learn of the existence of William J. Porter, the first American Consul ever on the island. Over the past years you may have met him in Damascus, Beirut, Jerusalem. A shrewd man, with a background of 12 years in the Middle East.

There is nothing sinister in all this—just good politics and good business. Good business like the American geologists wandering round the island looking for oil, employed by the Iraq Petroleum Company.

And while the tiny American nucleus on the island grows (there are 125 on the island), what of the British?

In the last war the Royal Air Force felt it was a worthwhile base. The Army did not. The Air Force held that it could become a floating island airport—and built 13 long, heavy-bomber airstrips to prove it.

The Army held that troops could not be taken to the island quickly enough to protect it, or be withdrawn quickly enough in an emergency. The compromise is apparent today.

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THERE is a minute force of British troops now on Cyprus—fewer than a peacetime brigade. Two battalions, the South Wales Borderers and the Duke of Corn-

wall's Light Infantry, are on the coast, mostly occupied in guarding the 12,000 remaining Jewish detainees on the island.

For the rest, headquarters, leave camps, hospitals are down to a demob minimum. Five thousand is a good figure for the whole Army strength on the island.

But the Army maintains a Forces broadsheet station—a transmitter which has its own programme and relays the B.B.C. fair enough evidence that we shall maintain a bigger Army strength in Cyprus than we did ten years ago. Strength then—one company.

R.A.F. strength is more transient, more variable. Latest figures: Two Spitfire squadrons—some Tempests. Two jet-planes. Station Commander—rank Group Captain.

Without sensationalising Cyprus as "spy island" put it this way: enough aircraft to look out—enough radio sets to listen in.

The oilmen swimming round the Dome know little of these struggles. As far as they are concerned they are in almost as idyllic a spot as they can find.

And they would still sooner be at work.



"Catch me arguin' the toss at Margate during MY recess..."

R. M. MacCOLL sends a holiday heartily

Be thankful your children aren't roped in for this!

WASHINGTON, D.C.—JUST now in the cool New England States, and especially in Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire, thousands of American children are members of organised holiday camps.

In the mountains or at the seaside they are swimming and horseback riding, playing baseball and practising archery, getting tanned, heavier, and presumably healthier.

There is only one thing wrong with this otherwise idyllic picture—two young MacColls are among the campers. And why should this strike a jarring note? Because it makes Father's bank account look like a case of pernicious anaemia.

Those of you now sunning yourselves while your offspring remain contented and happy with spade and ball may perhaps get a kick out of a quick glance at my expense account for the camps. For believe me, holiday camps are Big Business in America.

'Musts': 36 items

MOPPET Number One is a 12-year-old boy. He is displaying himself in a style to which I certainly was not accustomed at his age at an establishment in New Hampshire. The basic fee is £100 for two months.

But that was only the start. The camp sent me a slight list of things which were "musts." It consisted of 36 items. They ran from polo shirts to fishing equipment.

There were also items not considered strictly necessary but "desirable." As far as my son was concerned, they, too, were "musts."

There was a camp uniform. When I use the singular I mean that there is a design for a camp uniform of which seven sets must be purchased. Not just for weekdays, but a different one for Sundays.

There was a sleeping bag (for a 12-year-old, mind you) such as Olympic athletes wear to keep them warm before the big race.

What for? For him to wear while he is waiting his turn to "bat" at baseball (with the other 12-year-olds).

There was a sleeping bag which had to be the same kind as U.S. Army officers use. (Wish I had had as good a one when I went to Alabama some years back.)

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Train fares for my son to New Hampshire were five guineas. Driving my daughter to Pennsylvania cost £1 10s. in petrol. So there they are. I hope they are "having a wonderful time" for the total outlay of £280 11s. 2d. which I have made.

But somehow I'm not sure. They keep writing to say how nice it will be to come home again. "Only another 23 days..." You know the sort of thing.

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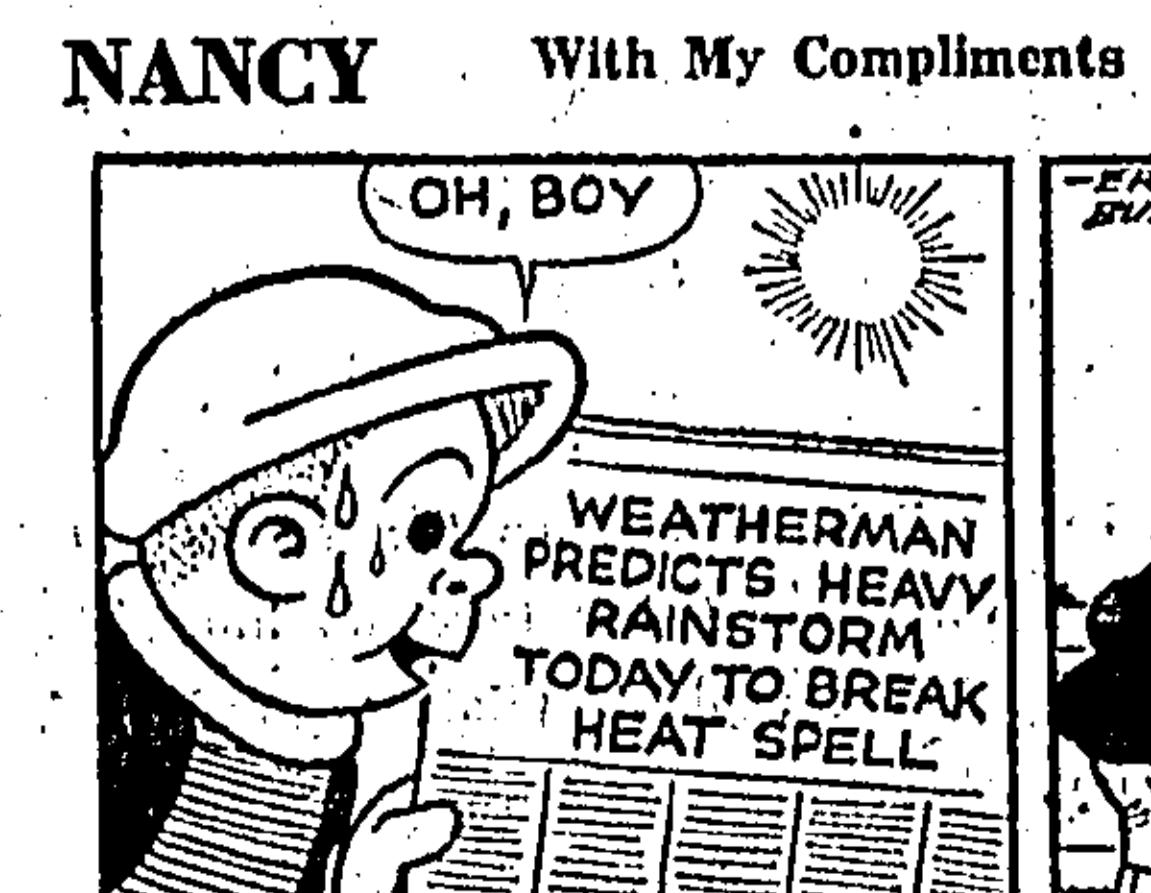
Her popularity or lack of it. Who can be running this camp? The House Un-American Activities Committee?

What's free?

SO next time little Derek or tiny Pamela runs up to you just as you've embarked on the pleasant snoozing in the hired deck chair on the sands, with the old "cry of 'Daddie, what shall I do now-o-o-o?'" curb that hasty rejoinder; dissolve that beetling scowl.

After all, they don't represent so much in sunken capital, do they? "The land of the free and the home of the brave," wrote Francis Scott Key in "The Star Spangled Banner." This is the Home of the Brave, all right—they send their children to summer camps. But FREE? What is?

NANCY With My Compliments



The Army

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By Ernie Bushmiller

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SECURITY COUNCIL HEARS HYDERABAD & INDIAN DELEGATES

Paris, Sept. 16.—India and Hyderabad made opening statements on their dispute to the United Nations Security Council here tonight. The Council later adjourned till Monday. Hyderabad's Foreign Minister, Nawab Moir Nawaz Jung, told the Council that his country was now fighting "a brutal invasion, which had shocked the conscience of the world." He appealed to the Council to investigate his country's appeal without any procedural delays.

He said that the world has been "stirred to the deepest apprehension by the premeditated act of war emanating from a state which had based the claim to its own independence on high spiritual ideals of non-violence."

He spoke of a "pitiless blockade" imposed by the Dominion upon his state and said: "Unless measures are taken immediately there is a distinct possibility that the world may be confronted with a fait accompli engendered by a triumphant force."

The Indian representative, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, contended that Hyderabad had no right to present her case to the United Nations. He added that India's action had only been taken after the march of events compelled it.

The Indian delegate said that Hyderabad was in possession of tanks, 25-pounders and other weapons.

Turning to Sir Alexander Cadogan, the Chairman, he remarked: "You, Mr President, as head of the British delegation, are in a better position than any other member of the Security Council to say how they came to be possessed of such weapons of destruction."

Earlier, the Council had rejected a Chinese proposal that the meeting be delayed as the Chinese Foreign Minister had not arrived.

MALIK'S QUESTIONS

After that the Soviet Union's Mr. Jakob Malik, said that he wanted information on Hyderabad and asked Sir Alexander Cadogan questions on Hyderabad's status and relations between Hyderabad and India, and if British officials were acting as advisers to the Hyderabad Government. Sir Alexander replied that no Britons were acting as advisers to the Hyderabad Government.

Sir Alexander said he would give these answers to the Soviet delegate's questions: "On August 15, 1947, the suzerainty of the Crown over Hyderabad and other Princely States came to an end, and none of the powers of the Crown were transmitted to the Government of India or Pakistan."

"Hyderabad did not subsequently accede to either of these governments. On November 20 Hyderabad entered into a standstill agreement with India for 12 months. One of the effects of this agreement was to place the conduct of Hyderabad's external affairs in the hands of India."

"Since then, there have been allegations of breaches in this agreement, but no resort was made to the arbitration clause in the agreement."

"The Soviet delegate asked me if my British officials are acting as advisers to the Hyderabad Government. My answer is in the negative."

Mr. Malik said: "Before the Security Council can adopt this item on its agenda it must have more information about the matter and in particular about the status of Hyderabad."

RIGHT TO LIVE

The Council agreed to invite the representatives of the two parties to the table.

The first to speak was Nawab Moir Nawaz Jung, who said: "The very existence of my country (Hyderabad) is now being defended on the field of battle against a brutal invasion, which has shocked the conscience of the world and which has rallied to the defence of the principles of the United Nations even those who, not having had an opportunity of listening to our own plea in defence of our own right to live, have been inclined to justify the claims of India."

"But we are conscious that a great and most significant portion of the task of defending Hyderabad will have to be performed here, before this high organ of the United Nations and before the public opinion of the world."

"The world has been stirred to the deepest apprehension by the premeditated act of war emanating from a state which has the claim to its own independence on the high spiritual ideals of non-violence."

"The world has listened before to the shrill explanations of the invader, pointing to disorder and anarchy, which its liberating army was about to remove. Such is the disorder and anarchy alleged to prevail in Hyderabad that hundreds of foreigners have declined the assistance of their governments offered help in their evacuation."

PITILESS BLOCKADE

The peace of Hyderabad was only disturbed, he said, by "the anarchy and disorder and massacres which the aggressor is letting loose upon our country, which he has tried to strangle by a pitiless blockade."

"The world has heard on other occasions the menacing language of,

SHADES OF WARTIME



This scene, reminiscent of the Americans' stay in wartime England, is of more recent vintage. This crew member of one of the U.S. B-29s, which recently arrived in England, is being "shown the town" by two British WAAFs.

RAF SEEKS 6,400 NEW RESERVES

London, Sept. 17.—Air Minister Arthur Henderson said on Thursday the Royal Air Force will seek almost 6,400 new reserves in the recruiting drive Britain will open on October 1.

He laid down this goal at a meeting in which Service chiefs discussed the campaign with chairmen of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Associations. Others at Thursday's meeting were Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War and Sir Hugh Sanders.

Service chiefs earlier conferred with Prime Minister Clement Attlee at 10, Downing Street. They were reported to have talked about how much it will cost to carry out the government's new policy of keeping currently enrolled troops in service three months beyond their scheduled discharge date.—Associated Press.

China's Foreign Minister Here

On his way to attend the United Nations General Assembly session in Paris on September 21, Chiang's Foreign Minister, Mr. Wang Shicai, accompanied by three officials of his Ministry, arrived at Kai Tak aerodrome at 9.15 this morning.

The Foreign Minister was greeted by a large gathering of British and Chinese officials.

At the aerodrome Mr. Wang chatted with his friends while waiting for a BOAC plane to take him to Bangkok.

Mr. Wang will be attending the Paris conference as China's chief delegate and he will be assisted by many other officials including some Chinese diplomats in Europe. The conference is scheduled to discuss many important issues including the former Italian Colonies and recognition by the United Nations of the new Government under Dr. Rhee in southern Korea.

Fijians Offer To Serve Again

Suva, Fiji, Sept. 16.—Fiji chiefs have written to King George VI offering their services if Britain is involved in another war.

The letter said: "We know that the shadow of a possible impending war is cast on the world again and we hasten to assure Your Majesty of our services in whatever capacity for the defence of your person and Empire—a task in which our young men have already, we hope, displayed some little prowess."

More than 2,000 Fijians served overseas in the last war.—Reuter.

Famine Still Threatens

Rome, Sept. 17.—Norris E. Dodd, General Director of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization on Thursday warned at a press conference that famine will again threaten the world if suitable steps are not taken.

This danger, said Mr. Dodd, especially threatens heavily populated and underdeveloped areas of the world—nearly China, India and parts of Latin America.—Associated Press.

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Government Criticised Over Handling Of Malaya & Hyderabad

London, Sept. 17.—Air Minister Arthur Creech-Jones is expected to make a statement on Malaya next Wednesday. Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, asked in the House of Commons today for assurance that a full statement on the Malayan situation would be made before the end of the special session of Parliament tomorrow week.

Members wanted the latest information before they dispersed, Mr. Eden said, adding that there was widespread concern about Malaya.

Mr. Eden's request reiterated the Conservative protest that no Government statement was made in last night's debate.

In reply to the points raised about Malaya, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, said today that there were questions on the Order Paper for Wednesday and that it would be right then for the Colonial Secretary to make a statement on the Malayan situation.

Mr. R. A. Butler, a former Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, also criticised the Government's handling of the Malayan situation when he resumed the debate on the King's Speech for the Opposition.

NASTY TASTE

"The position in Malaya," he said, "is one which reveals as much as anything else the dilatoriness and inefficiency of the British Government."

The fact that we had the Colonial Secretary sitting there yesterday looking exceedingly uncomfortable for a large part of the day and that he made no reply in the evening left a nasty taste with us on the attitude of the Government on this vital question."

Mr. Butler also spoke on the issue between India and Hyderabad. He said that the British Government had declined to see representatives of Hyderabad when they were in Britain during the summer on their way to India.

Mr. Butler stated that he had done his best, through his experience of Indian affairs to try to bring the British Government together with the representatives of Hyderabad.

"I had absolutely no success," he said amid Opposition cries of "Shame."

The Government were adamant in saying that they would not intervene or even see the representatives of Hyderabad, who were visiting this country on their way to India.

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"The Government then resisted the suggestion, because of legal and technical considerations, of interfering or not in the affairs of one country or another," he added.

CRIPPS' INFLUENCE

He believed that Sir Stafford Cripps had more influence with India than any other man and that the British Government had great influence with the Government of India.

"Therefore, I believe a very great responsibility rests on the shoulders of the British Government to exercise their influence in India at the present time to an extent, which will bring this terrible situation to an end."

"I, therefore, say fairly and squarely, the responsibility does not only rest on the United Nations and the technical considerations whether this case can be heard. It rests fairly and squarely on His

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PARAMOUNTY

Britain, he said, had not handed paramounty to India, but she had handed over the title deeds of paramounty.

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson, Conservative, said that he thought the situation was grave enough to merit "some passing word" from Sir Stafford Cripps, "who probably has more influence on India than any single European."

"The Government, in effect, had proclaimed itself completely disinterested as to what was happening in India and Hyderabad."

"Whatever happens at the United Nations, I hope the Government will still send a message to the people and Government of India that we do not judge the merits of the case, but that on all sides of the House we unhesitatingly condemn the method which the Dominion of India has adopted to settle this dispute," added Mr. Nicholson.—Reuter.

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FOREST HILLS

Herbie Flam Enters Semi-Final

New York, Sept. 16.—Unseeded Herbert Flam, the former National Junior Champion, entered the semi-finals of the Men's Singles at Forest Hills by defeating Harry of Lika of San Francisco 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

Wimbledon champion Bob Falkenburg also entered the semi-final, defeating Clarence Carter 8-6, 6-3, 6-4.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, Sept. 16.—Swansea Town, leaders in the Southern section of the Third Division, dropped their first game of the season when they lost their away match with Leyton Orient.

Other football results today were:

FIRST DIVISION

Chelsea 2, Charlton A. 2

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

Leyton Orient 3, Swansea Town 1
Newport County 1, Reading 2
Northampton 2, Southend U. 2
Walsall 0, Bournemouth 0

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

Carlisle United 1, Rochdale 1

RUGBY LEAGUE (Yorkshire Cup)

Yorks C. A. 0, Huddersfield 61

(Lancashire Cup)

Leigh 10, Warrington 15

RUGBY UNION

Stroud 3, Gloucester 3

—Reuter.

HOW THEY STAND
FIRST DIVISION

	Goals	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Portsmouth	2	2	17	8	14	2	18	42
Derby	8	4	15	9	12	3	16	39
Newcastle	8	4	13	12	11	3	14	38
Sunderland	8	4	12	13	11	3	14	37
Birkenhead	8	4	11	14	11	3	14	36
Cheltenham	8	3	10	12	10	4	15	35
Wolverhampton	8	3	10	11	11	4	15	34
Bolton	8	3	10	11	11	4	15	33
Manchester C.	8	3	10	11	11	4	15	32
Sheffield	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	31
Leeds	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	30
Bury	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	29
Southampton	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	28
Tottenham	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	27
Queen's P.R.	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	26
Leeds U.	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	25
Middlesbrough	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	24
Stoke C.	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	23
Sheffield U.	8	1	10	11	11	4	15	22
Preston N. E.	8	2	10	11	11	4	15	21
Huddersfield	8	1	10	11	11	4	15	20
Aston Villa	8	1	10	11	11	4	15	19
Everton	8	1	10	11	11	4	15	18

SECOND DIVISION

	Goals	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Bury	2	2	17	8	14	2	18	42
Southampton	8	5	15	4	12	3	16	39
Tottenham	8	5	15	4	12	3	16	38
Queen's P.R.	8	5	15	4	12	3	16	37
Leeds	8	4	14	12	9	3	15	36
Bradford	8	4	14	12	9	3	15	35
Barnsley	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	34
West Bromwich	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	33
Fulham	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	32
Brentford	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	31
Leicester C.	8	3	14	12	10	3	15	30
Coventry	8	3	14	12	10	3	15	29
Cardiff	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	28
Sheffield W.	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	27
Blackburn	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	26
Plymouth	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	25
W. Ham	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	24
Luton	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	23
Lincoln	8	2	14	12	10	3	15	22
Notts F.	8	1	14	12	10	3	15	21
Chesterfield	8	1	14	12	10	3	15	20

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

	Goals	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Bolton	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	42
Darlington	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	41
Rochdale	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	40
Crewe	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	39
Wigan	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	38
Bradford	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	37
Barnsley	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	36
West Bromwich	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	35
Fulham	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	34
Brentford	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	33
Leicester C.	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	32
Coventry	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	31
Cardiff	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	30
Sheffield W.	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	29
Blackburn	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	28
Plymouth	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	27
W. Ham	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	26
Luton	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	25
Lincoln	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	24
Notts F.	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	23
Chesterfield	0	1	10	12	12	2	18	22

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

	Goals	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Swansea	0	4	1	10	7	11	2	31
Portsmouth	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	30
Bournemouth	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	29
Bristol R.	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	28
Torquay	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	27
Port Vale	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	26
Notts C.	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	25
Brighton & H.	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	24
Millwall	0	4	2	10	7	11	2	23
Crystal Pal.	0	3	2	10	7	11	2	22
Southend	0	3	2	10	7	11	2	21
Bradford C.	0	3	2	10	7	11	2	20
Reading	0	1	10	7	7	11	2	19
Walsall	0	1	10	7	7	11	2	18
Nottingham	0	1	10	7	7	11	2	17
Leeds U.	0	1	10	7	7	11	2	16
Aldershot	0	1	10	7	7	11	2	15
Walsall	0	1	10	7	7	11	2	14
Newport C.	0	1	10	7</td				

